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Subject: My Thoughts

For nearly 3 years the Microsoft matter has been before you, Microsoft, and the general public. My home state is Maine so I couldn't be further from local influence and live in the United States.

The contribution Microsoft has made to our society as well as to all locations on the face of this earth is immeasurable. How did this accomplishment occur, HARD WORK!! This business was started from "scratch" and I admire greatly their accomplishments. Were they over zealous? I don't think so. In my little hometown in Maine we had a local orchardist who worked very diligently and built one of the largest apple businesses on the east coast. Was there jealousy and criticism of their operation? YES! This past year they went out of business because of foreign competition after being handed down three generations. What attitude prevailed?? "What a shame", jobs lost and thus consumer spending down and the local economy hurt badly.

The economy on the face of this earth has been improved by Microsoft and I hope this thought will be prevalent in the decisions to be made. Thank you, Leland C. Davis, Jr.

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